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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

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## THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

## THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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## EDITORIAL

A METHODIST minister of well-established reputation in one of the large towns of the Middle West recently undertook to secure the opinions of various responsible business men concerning modern conditions in the church. The three questions which he propounded were as follows: (1) Why are not more men members of the church? (2) Are the churches of your acquaintance really doing the work which you believe the Church of Christ was founded to accomplish? (3) What do you consider the most helpful features of church life to-day? The answers to these questions were supposed to be embodied in an address which was given by the minister above referred to. The information upon which the address was based was strictly confidential, so far as the names of the contributors were concerned, but it will be no breach of that confidence if the following answers by one of the most progressive respondents is herewith presented. These questions are valuable in so far as they represent the attitude towards the Christian church and towards the teachings of the church on the part of men of sound education who are absorbed in the business interests of to-day. The following is given almost verbatim as the reply offered by the layman above mentioned.

(1) "Why are not more men members of the church?

"This does not refer to those men whose depraved, immoral, or dishonest lives render them incompatible with the standards of the church; although some of them seek church membership, to better hide their hypocrisy; but it evidently refers to that class of men who are in sympathy with the moral and ethical teachings of the church, who appreciate the church as a social center of moral influence, and whose characters and conduct would entitle them to church membership.

"Of this class we may make two divisions: 1st, those who believe the doctrines and creed of the church; and 2nd, those who do not.

"The first of these, I think, can have but poor excuse for not being church members, and they may answer for themselves. The other class, being non-believers of church doctrines, and not hypocrites, have a good and sufficient reason for not being church members.

"My parents were church members, and I was brought up under church influences. Why am I not a member of an orthodox church?

"My father was a Baptist, and in

my childhood I attended the Baptist church and Sunday School. One day their Sunday School paper made fun of the Methodists for thinking that they were baptized or Christians. I was displeased with their idea that the amount of water used as a symbol was of any consequence and resented their questioning the Christianity of the Methodists; for my mother and grandmother were both Methodists. I quit their Sunday School and attended the Methodist Sunday School exclusively. Under the persuasion of my teachers, I joined the Methodist church at about the age of thirteen. My mother gave me a Bible when I was ten years old, and before I was twelve I had read every word of it, beginning at the first verse. I studied the catechism and doctrines of the church, but the more I studied them the less I thought of them; and as I grew older and became acquainted with some of the great theories of science, I found my faith in the doctrines badly shaken.

"After the publication of the celebrated address of Rev. Charles Briggs, on the Authority of the Holy Scriptures, which created such a commotion in the Presbyterian church, I wondered what the Presbyterians believed, anyhow, and procured a copy of the Westminster Confession of Faith. After reading this monstrous conception of a just and loving God, my mind so revolted against church creeds and dogmas, that I resigned my membership in the Methodist church.

"I remembered the first commandment, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.' Yet when I went to a Protestant church, I found them worshipping a man. If I went to the Catholic church I found them worshipping a woman, the mother of the man the other churches worshipped; and what was more strange, worshipped her as a virgin, although history relates that she was a married woman, and the mother of several children.

"The Unitarian church has cleared its decks for action in the service of humanity and an enlightened religion. It has cleared away the theological rubbish that was a stumbling block in the other churches. It places stress on character and conduct, rather than on creeds and dogmas. The humblest can enjoy the beautiful simplicity of its religion; and the most intellectual can enjoy its fellowship without stultifying his intelligence or railing at the revelations of science.

"There is nothing cruel or unjust about their doctrines of Salvation by Character; the Leadership of Jesus; and the Progress of Mankind, onward and upward forever. No one is deceived into thinking that he can sin against the laws of nature and escape punishment, or have someone else pay the penalty for him. No man wants anyone else to suffer in his stead.

"I became, and am, an associate member of this church. Dr. Eliot's address on 'The Religion of the Future' will throw further light on the religion or civilization.

"In your sermon on last Easter Sunday, you said that no fact in history was better than or as well authenticated as the resurrection of Jesus. The venerable minister who made the opening prayer, which was an Easter address to the congregation, said: 'No reasonable man, be he Christian or pagan, doubts the resurrection of Jesus.'

"I beg to advise you that thousands of thinking men, be they reasonable or not, do doubt it; and thousands doubt the reasonableness of those who do not doubt it. It is of small im-

portance what we believe in regard to this, but when you add, 'If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our preaching vain,' you utter a moral and ethical untruth; for the life and teaching of Jesus are just as valuable, and just as true, whether or not he had a physical resurrection or a supernatural birth. And that life and his teachings are entirely too precious to mankind to need any support from the miraculous and supernatural; although it was customary to give such support to other religions in a superstitious age.

"As a man, Jesus is a leader, friend, inspiration; make him supernatural, and you take him out of our class, and we lose hope and emulation, and have a good excuse for being so unlike him. Keep on teaching and preaching the religion of Jesus, as he taught it, and it will not be in vain. I assure you that I appreciate the life and teachings of Jesus just as much now, when I think these doctrines myths, as I did when I believed them to be true.

"The joy of Christmas was not lost when we found that Santa Claus was a myth. We keep it up to add to the happiness of childhood. Perhaps, for those children in spirit, who are held in restraint or controlled by the hope of reward, or heaven; or the fear of punishment, or hell, we had better keep our myths; but when men learn to do justly, and love their fellowmen, and live honestly and uprightly because it is their duty to do so, and to be a progressive factor in the evolution of the race, onward and upward forever, then we may safely drop our myths.

"I can readily see how some mind in the past, catching glimpses of the great theories of the Indestructibility of Matter, and the Conservation of Energy, and realizing that the atoms of our bodies are everlasting; and after our death would rise again in other forms and lives, translated this great theory of science into one of personal resurrection.

"As to the miracles related in the Bible, I find my views admirably expressed by Ernest Renan in his life of Jesus. 'None of the miracles with which the old histories are filled took place under scientific conditions. Observation, which has never once been falsified, teaches us that miracles never happen but in times and countries in which they are believed, and before persons disposed to believe them. No miracle ever occurred in the presence of men capable of testing its miraculous character.' This will suffice to explain why I am not a Methodist.

(2) "Are the churches doing the work the church of Christ was founded to accomplish?

"Yes, the best they can under present conditions. In their rivalry for fine buildings and costly equipment, I fear the church is somewhat like the fig tree that Jesus condemned. The tree used its energy in making a fine appearance, bark and leaves at the expense of fruit. So the church is expending its energy in raising money rather than morals. When a man joins a church, the chief interest seems to be how much you have increased your assets rather than how good a man you can make of him. Eldon Parr, of 'The Inside of the Cup,' was a liberal contributor, but he was not a good man.

(3) "What are the most helpful features of church life to-day? The interest the church is taking in the physical needs of suffering humanity."

# American Unitarian Association

Headquarters: 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., *President* — Henry M. Williams, *Treasurer*

Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, *Secretary* — F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*


**Ministerial Personals**

Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge has resigned at Billerica, Mass., to accept a call to the Harvard Street Church in Cambridge. Rev. D. R. Freeman has resigned at Braintree, Mass., to accept a call to All Souls' Church of Grand Rapids, Mich. Rev. I. F. Porter has resigned at Sherborn, Mass., Rev. John Snyder at Nantucket, Mass., and Rev. Charles B. Ames at Belfast, Maine. Rev. J. W. Tickle has accepted a call to Ellsworth, Maine. Rev. H. E. B. Speight, who has been Assistant Minister at the Essex Street Church in London, has been invited to the church in Victoria, B. C.

Of the graduates of the divinity school this month, Mr. C. H. Lyttle has accepted a call to the Second Church in Brooklyn, and Mr. Otto Lyding a call to be the Assistant Minister of the First Church, Roxbury. Mr. W. A. Smith, of the Meadville School, has accepted a call to St. Cloud, Minn.

**Anniversary Week**

The multifarious meetings of Anniversary Week in Boston passed off with complete success. Save for the undue warmth of two of the days, the weather was perfect and the attendance at all the meetings unusually large. There has been a steady increase in the attendance for the last six years. With one or two exceptions, where the speakers mistook a private emotion for a public movement, the speaking was of a very high order of merit and was both optimistic and inspiring. If one were to select from so many fine addresses it would be possible to mention the speeches of Dr. Vernon and Mr. Nobbs at the Annual Meeting of the Association, of Dr. Christie at the Sunday School Society, of Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Rihbany at the Festival, and of Mr. Sullivan at the Berry Street Conference. The sermon of Rev. William G. Eliot met the opportunity with dignity and force.

One of the features of the week was the large amount of volunteer service rendered by important committees. The Hospitality Committee was indefatigable in its work, which involves a large amount of labor, both in preparation for the week and in the administration of affairs while the visitors are in Boston. The three committees of the Association, on Credentials, on Business and on the Ballots, all served with disinterested devotion. The Festival Committee showed no signs of decreasing assiduity. Each year the members of this committee meet their opportunity with thorough efficiency.

The meetings of the Alliance were splendidly large and vital, and at the meeting of the Laymen's League a reorganization was effected which, it is hoped, will make that body more alive to its opportunity than it has heretofore been.

Some of the best meetings of the week were those not mentioned on the official program, such as the luncheon for the discussion of the possible readjustment of the conduct of our periodicals, whereat a committee was appointed to report later; the succession of meetings of the authors of the manuals in the new series of Religious Education; the meeting of the com-

mittees on the new Sunday School Hymn and Service Book; the meeting of the directors of the Ministers' Institute; the meeting of the special committee of the General Conference on fellowship methods; and the meeting at Mrs. Eliot's, in Cambridge, of the wives of the ministers, whereat a permanent organization was formed.

At the Association meeting the report of the Special Commission on Membership and Methods solved a number of perplexities. The decisions of the Committee will be acceptable to our whole constituency and made the rule of the Association. The recommendations of the Commission will also be acted upon by the Board and the proposed important changes in the By-Laws will come up for action at the Annual Meeting of 1915.

**Finances**

It is the business of a missionary society always to be poor, but never to be in debt. If it is not poor, it means a poverty of opportunity. If it is in debt it means that the appeal of the opportunity has run away with the business sagacity of its administrators. The American Unitarian Association closes the financial year both poor and solvent. Every obligation has been promptly met. The Directors have spent for the advancement of our cause all the money entrusted to them. They could have spent just as wisely and efficiently two or three times as much, but they have denied themselves that luxury and exercised a sometimes painful self-restraint.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association for the year ending April 30, 1914, has in it many interesting figures. The table of Income and Expenditure for immediate use shows receipts and payments of about $200,000. The gifts and bequests added to permanent funds show receipts of $158,000.

In spite of the loss of income which many members of the Association have suffered the contributions of individuals and societies were remarkably well sustained. Over $60,000 was received upon the donation account. This is a decrease of about $2,500 from the gifts of the preceding year. There was also a decrease of some $10,000 in the gifts for the work of the Department of Religious Education, for which special support was solicited last year. On the other hand, the report shows an increase of some $10,000 in the income of invested funds, of $2,000 in the receipts for pensions, and of some $4,000 in the net income of the Publication Department. The Treasurer was able to declare an increase of one-third of one per cent. in the rate of interest upon the investments. In the gifts and bequests added to the permanent funds there was a marked increase in the gifts whereof the income directly benefits the Association, and a decrease in those funds which are to be held for special purposes.

In the columns of expenditures the report shows that the Departments of Religious Education, Foreign Relations, Publicity, Schools and Colleges and the Rocky Mountain Division of the Church Extension Department required larger expenditures than in the previous year. On the other hand, there was a decrease in the expenditures for the Departments of Social and Public Service and Comity and Fellowship, in the Unitarian building account and in six of the divisions of the Church Extension Department, viz.: The New England States, the Middle States, the Western States, the Pacific States, the Canadian Northwest and New Americans. The Southern Budget showed practically no change.

For the new fiscal year the Direc-

tors have adopted a Budget of $116,000, and they depend upon the generous loyalty of the churches for some two-thirds of this sum. A comparison of the new year's Budget with that of the preceding year shows but little important change. The estimate of the expenditures for maintenance is decreased by $1,000, as it is not probable that any considerable repairs will be needed in the building during the coming year. The withdrawal of Dr. Starbuck on September first from the service of the Department of Religious Education permits a reduction in the Budget for that Department. Small reductions are also made for the salaries of the general officers, for traveling expenses, and in the Department of Comity and Fellowship.

The experience of the past year justifies small increases in the Publication Department, the Publicity Department and the Departments of Foreign Relations, New Americans, and Social and Public Service. These increases are, however, insignificant, in no case amounting to more than $500. In the Department of Church Extension the Budget for the Pacific Coast remains the same as last year. Increases have been found necessary in the Southern, Rocky Mountain and College Centers divisions, and decreases are possible in the New England, Middle and Western States and the Canadian Northwest. In three of these cases the reduction is due to the fact that hereafter the salaries of the Field Secretaries are to be borne in a separate Budget and not charged to the territorial divisions. The withdrawal of Mr. Foote from the Secretaryship of the Department of Church Extension permits of some reduction in the general expenditure for that department.

The Directors at their meeting of May 29th adopted the complete Budget, and the notices of their action have been sent to all the applicants in the aided churches.

**Summary of Department Reports**

*Publications.* The Publication Department has printed and circulated during the year 460,000 tracts, an advance of 63,500 over the preceding year. This is equivalent to a distribution of 1,260 tracts for every day, or one a minute, day and night, throughout the entire year. Sixteen new tracts have been issued, making the total number now upon the list, 355. 3,076 copies of the Year Book, 14,700 copies of the Annual Report, and 3,500 copies of the Annual Tract Catalogue have been printed and distributed. Many copies of Channing's Works have been given to ministers and to theological students, packages of books have been sent to a number of libraries, and the *Christian Register* supplied to some 200 reading-rooms.

Twenty new books, including the new Hymn and Service Books and the new Minister's Handbook, have been published during the year. The shipping department has handled 13,138 shipments. 45,000 copies of WORD AND WORK have been printed and distributed, 52,000 copies of the *Calendar,* and 360,000 copies of *The Beacon.* 19,443 manuals, service-books, etc., for Sunday schools, have been sold.

*Religious Education.* The members of the staff in this department have traveled widely over the country. They have delivered no less than 325 addresses in 21 States of the Union, stimulating interest in the cause of religious education in our churches, and helping to organize and direct the work that is going on in our Sunday schools. Three free bulletins have been issued during the year. *The Beacon* has been issued weekly and has been considerably in-

creased in size. Summer institutes have been held at Meadville, the Isles of Shoals, and at The Weirs. A good beginning has been made upon the new course of study for our Sunday schools and in the preparation of a new Hymn Book and Service Book.

*Church Extension.* Aid has been granted by the Directors to some 96 churches and missions in all parts of the United States and Canada. Five new churches have been organized. New churches, parish houses, and parsonages have been built, and considerable changes and improvements have been made in 15 other churches. The Association has purchased lots for new churches in four places. Officers and representatives of the Association have personally visited practically all the aided churches and the new missions, and in their journeys have covered the whole country.

*New Americans.* Work has been carried forward among the Icelanders in Manitoba, where seven Icelandic societies are organized in the Icelandic Unitarian Conference, among the Swedes and Norwegians in Minnesota, among the Finns in Minnesota and Montana, and a new work inaugurated among the Italians in New York and Philadelphia. The Church of the Messiah, among the colored people in Greater Boston, has had a successful year. Free tracts are printed in German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Spanish.

*College Centers.* The Directors have been able to aid the work of ten college-town churches from New Hampshire to California. The income of the Frothingham Fund No. 2 has been distributed to aid ten schools for colored people in the South. Nine lecturers on the Billings Foundation have visited all parts of the country.

*Foreign Relations.* The Association has carried forward the work in Japan under the direction of Mr. MacCauley and his fellow-workers. Support has been given to the Unitarian work in Hungary, Denmark, Germany, and in Bulgaria. The work of the Association of Free Believers in Italy has been developed and sustained. A successful session of the International Congress was held in Paris last summer, and a Missionary Conference was held in Boston in November. Plans have been formulated for a series of conferences in India, China, and Japan during the coming winter. The arrangements for these meetings have been forwarded by the journey of Dr. Sunderland, as Billings Lecturer, around the world.

*Comity and Fellowship.* The Association, through this department, has continued to act in close co-operation with the federations of churches in New England, and the secretary of the department has been active in promoting sympathy and co-operation among liberal Christians everywhere. The addresses given at the last meeting of the National Federation of Religious Liberals have been gathered into book form.

*Social and Public Service.* The department has added five numbers to its invaluable series of Bulletins. It has held a number of important conferences on social work in the country. The addresses of some of these conferences have been gathered and printed in a book, under the title, "The Social Ideals of a Free Church." The department has successfully promoted the organization of social service committees in the churches, and it has continued to act as a bureau of counsel and information.

*Publicity.* A Ministers' Institute has been conducted at Denver. The Associate Members Department has been successfully conducted, and new members attracted by advertisements carried in seven important periodicals. Every opportunity is used,

through this department, for the dissemination of correct views of liberal Christianity.

*Ministerial Aid.* From the income of the Ministerial Aid Fund and the other trust funds for similar purposes, aid to the amount of $7,705.88 has been given to 68 ministers, and 5 widows or daughters of ministers. Six persons have also been helped to the amount of $470.77, from the income of the Chandler Robbins Fund. As trustee of the United Service Pension Society, the treasurer of the Association has, under the direction of the directors of that Society, distributed to qualified beneficiaries the sum of $5,499.30.

*Church Building Loan Fund.* The capital of the Fund has been increased during the year by the sum of $1,080.69, so that the principal now amounts to $154,187.64. Five societies have completed payments on their loans, and new loans to the amount of $30,100 have been made to 14 churches. There are now outstanding loans to 65 churches.

**Minutes of the Eighty-ninth Annual Meeting**

The eighty-ninth annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association was held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, May 26, 1914. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. George H. Reed, of Fairhaven, Mass.

The President named the following committees:

*Committee on Credentials.*

Mr. William Channing Clapp, Mr. Frank B. Thayer, Mr. Hector M. Holmes, Mr. Nathaniel C. Nash, Jr., Mr. Guy R. Merrill.

*Committee on Business.*

Hon. J. M. Morton, Sr., Massachusetts; Mr. William Shillaber, New York; Mr. Arthur A. Smith, California; Mrs. John F. Hill, Maine; Mr. C. L. Stebbins, Massachusetts; Rev. Franklin C. Southworth, D. D., Pennsylvania; Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., Oregon; Mr. John F. Hartz, Michigan; Mrs. Walter N. Lawson, New York; Rev. Albert C. Dieffenbach, Connecticut.

*Committee on Ballots.*

Rev. F. M. Bennett, New York; Rev. W. S. Swisher, Connecticut; Rev. H. F. Lion, Massachusetts; Rev. J. R. Pennington, Virginia; Rev. H. E. Latham, Massachusetts; Rev. J. A. Kyle, New Jersey.

Certain resolutions were then introduced and under the rules referred without debate to the Business Committee.

The President called attention to the pamphlets distributed to the members, containing (1) the report of the Special Commission on Membership and Methods, and (2) the reports of the Department Secretaries. The President made certain comments upon the significant happenings of the year as contained in these reports.

The Treasurer, Mr. Henry M. Williams, then presented his report in print and made verbal comments and explanations, the President adding other observations.

The Secretary, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, then read his annual report.

After the introduction of certain additional resolutions, addresses were made by Rev. James C. Duncan on "Gathering a Congregation in a New Field," and by Rev. Ambrose W. Vernon, on "The Growth of Unity Among the Churches."

The President then delivered his annual address.

The meeting took a recess until 2:30 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with the report of the Special Commission

on Membership and Methods, presented by Judge Leslie C. Cornish of Maine, who lucidly explained and emphasized the main points of the printed report. The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were made a special order for the next annual meeting.

Brief addresses on "The Call of the Hour to the Coming Generation" were delivered by Rev. William I. Lawrance, Rev. Albert R. Vail of Urbana, Ill.; Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of Montclair, N. J.; Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs of Marlboro, and Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

The Nominating Committee reported through its Secretary, Mr. James Kingman of Newton.

The Ballot Committee proceeded to distribute, collect and count the ballots.

The Business Committee reported through its chairman, Hon. James M. Morton. A resolution in regard to the rules of the Unitarian Service Pension Society was referred, by recommendation of the Committee, to the directors of that Society.

A resolution in regard to the possibility of war in Mexico was, upon recommendation of the Committee and in view of the fact that the subject matter of the resolution was the subject of mediation, laid upon the table.

Upon recommendation of the Committee, a resolution was adopted, with one amendment, as follows:

*Resolved*: That a commission of ten persons be appointed by the President to report on the possibility and advisability of adopting a name more expressive of the actual purpose of our denomination than the name Unitarian. As any change, to be desirable, should be brought about by common consent and after full consideration, the Commission should procure the opinion of all our churches, and also consult with those who, while not accepting the Unitarian name are closely allied with us in religious purpose.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution was adopted, with one amendment suggested by the Committee.

*Resolved*: That the President appoint a committee of three persons familiar with accounting to investigate methods of church accounting and bookkeeping, and to prepare a report, with authority to have the same printed, as to the best and simplest methods of keeping the accounts of churches and church organizations, with data and recommendations as to the methods of raising funds for current and special purposes, and examples of circulars and accounting forms.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution was adopted, after a proposed amendment had been rejected by the meeting:

*Resolved*: That we commend the work of the Unitarian Service Pension Society and call the attention of our friends to the fact that if the pension paid is to be increased to even three hundred dollars, the society must continue to be aided by bequests and by regular annual contributions from the churches and from generous individuals.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, and after discussion by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Mr. George H. Ellis, Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Dr. S. M. Crothers, the Secretary of the Association, and others, the following resolution was referred to the Publication Committee for its consideration:

*Resolved*: First, that the Publication Committee of the Association be instructed to make a careful study of its list of tracts for free distribution from the point of view of the present position of Unitarian thought, the present needs of our missionary propaganda, and the present problem of general religious interest.

Second, that the committee be asked to suppress the very considerable number of tracts now listed and circulated, which are unrepresentative and misrepresentative of modern liberalism.

Third, that the committee undertake the publication of new tracts on a new and systematic basis of subjects carefully chosen and authors deliberately selected, and, if necessary, paid for their fitness to treat these topics.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution was adopted without discussion:

*Resolved*: That the Publication Committee of the Association be requested to continue the successful work undertaken and achieved eight years ago for the assistance of the choirs and choirmasters of our churches by publishing such new collections of anthems and other choir music as it may be able to prepare from time to time; and that it is the sense of this body that one new collection of this kind should be published as soon as possible.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution, with one amendment, was adopted without discussion:

*Resolved*: That we view with disfavor any and all attempts to obtain appropriations of public funds or the use of public property, whether municipal, state or federal, for the benefit of sectarian schools, hospitals or charities; and that we regard all such attempts by any religious body as a positive menace to the welfare and perpetuity of our free American institutions.

Upon recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*: That the President be requested to appoint a committee, to consist of both ministers and laymen, to consider and report upon the possible improvement of the methods of hearing candidates in our churches and selecting ministers for vacant pulpits.

*Resolved*: That a special commission, consisting of representatives of the Association, of the General Conference, of the Theological schools, of the Ministerial Union and of the churches at large, should be created to consider and report upon the ways of recruiting the ministry.

The Business Committee finally recommended a resolution in regard to the annual meeting, and after discussion, participated in by Mr. George R. Bishop, Rev. T. D. Bacon and Rev. C. F. Dole, the resolution was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Ballots submitted its report, showing the result of the balloting to be the election of the following officers:

President, Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass.; Vice-Presidents: Clarence E. Carr of Andover, N. H.; George Hutchinson of Newton, Mass.; Frank H. Hiscock of Syracuse, N. Y.; George Soule of New Orleans, La.; Charles W. Ames of St. Paul,, Minn.; Paris Gibson of Great Falls, Mont.; Horace Davis, of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. John W. Loud of Montreal, Can.; Secretary: Lewis G. Wilson of Boston, Mass.; Assistant Secretary: F. Stanley Howe of Cambridge, Mass.; Treasurer, Henry M. Williams, Esq., of Boston, Mass.; Directors: Percy A. Atherton, Boston, Mass.; Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Hopedale, Mass.; Fred V. Hawley, Chicago, Ill.; William S. Kyle, Plymouth, Mass.; Henry B. Little, Newburyport, Mass.; Henry W. Sprague, Buffalo, N. Y.; Nominating Committee: Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Concord, Mass.; Charles A. Wing, Concord, N. H.; John H. Lathrop, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Kent, New Orleans, La.

The Association then adjourned.

The evening session was held in Tremont Temple. The services were conducted by Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell and Professor Francis G. Peabody, D. D. The anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., of Portland, Oregon. Music was rendered by a chorus choir under the direction of Mr. B. L. Whelpley.

**Department of Religious Education**

In previous numbers of WORD AND WORK titles have been given of books that may be of use to teachers. In this issue it is planned to give a list of titles, selected from those already mentioned, that might form a small and inexpensive library. This is done with the hope that churches, Alliances, schools or interested persons may provide such libraries for the use of the teachers in our schools. A few books in a cosy room that is lighted and warmed on given days, with table, blocks of paper, pencils, maps on the walls, charts such as those in the back of Gannett's *A Wicket Gate to the Bible* (A. U. A., 25c.), would stimulate teachers to make careful preparation for their work and give them such facilities for study as most teachers lack.

Among books for such a teachers' library, the following are suggested.

1. Provide for this library a copy,

in addition to copies furnished teachers and pupils, of every text-book used in the school. These will enable teachers to become acquainted, as they should, with all the lesson-courses followed, and will be convenient for use when the teachers' own books have not been brought to the study-room. It would be well if a complete set of the publications of our Department were kept in every teachers' library.

2. Bibles in various editions should be plentifully furnished. The American Edition of the Revised Version is best for study, but the King James Version should also be at hand. "The Soul of the Bible," by Rev. U. G. B. Pierce (A. U. A., lea. $1.60; clo. $1.25), is especially convenient and useful. Moulton's *Modern Reader's Bible* (Macmillan, $2.00), a translation into current English, such as *The Twentieth Century New Testament* (Revell, $1.00), or a paraphrase like that in Saunders & Kent's *The Messages of the Bible* (Scribner, 12 vols., $1.25 each), will often clear up a difficult passage.

3. Bible-study helps should include, first of all, a good Dictionary of the Bible. Hastings' Dictionary in one volume (Scribner, $5.00) is the best. For a concordance, Cruden's has long been standard, but perhaps Walker's (Pilgrim Press, half-leather, $1.75) will be found more serviceable. Huck's *Synopsis of the First Three Gospels* is the best "harmony." It is scholarly and does not undertake the impossible task of harmonizing all four gospels. (Eaton & Mains, $1.00.) Commentaries are innumerable, and for the most part of little use, as they concern themselves chiefly with doctrinal matters. Among books that elucidate the meaning of the text and give brief introductions to the various books, the set referred to above, *The Messages of the Bible,* is good. Better, perhaps, is *The Cambridge Bible,* published in about fifty volumes by the English Macmillans, at prices varying from forty cents to a dollar-and-a-half per volume. Some prefer *The New Century Bible* (Oxford Press, 33 vols., 90c. each, 20 per cent. discount). It is not necessary that any entire set be bought. Those volumes may be chosen which treat the biblical books actually studied in the school.

4. At least one book, preferably several, on the history and principles of the Sunday school as an organization should be in such a library. Cope's *The Modern Sunday School in Principle and Practice* (Revell, $1.00) is probably best. *Efficiency in the Sunday School,* by the same author (Doran Company, $1.00) is a good book to add.

5. On the understanding of child life and the teacher's right approach, the best book is L. A. Weigle's *The Pupil and the Teacher* (Doran Company, 50c.), Kirkpatrick's *The Fundamentals of Child Study* (Macmillan, $1.25), is very valuable. Dawson's *The Child and His Religion* (University of Chicago, 75c.) and Felix Adler's *The Moral Instruction of Children* (Appleton, $1.50) are excellent.

6. For teaching little children, Ferris' *The Sunday Kindergarten* (University of Chicago, $1.40) and Palmer's *One Year of Sunday-School Lessons for Young People* (Macmillan, $1.25) are probably best.

7. Collections of stories for children are many in number. As no one book can contain many stories, or is likely to suit all tastes, it may be well to buy a few books at the start and keep adding others as good ones are found or as funds warrant. For

Bible stories, Miss Lawford's *Bible Stories for Little Folks* (A. U. A., 25c.), and the second and third books in the *Beacon Series* (A. U. A., 35c. each) are very valuable. Book VI. in the same series (same price) is good for older children. *An Old, Old Story Book,* Bible stories told in biblical language (Houghton-Mifflin, $1.50) is also commended, especially as a book to place in children's hands.

For non-biblical stories, Volume IV. in the Beacon Series is excellent. Miss Bryant's *How to Tell Stories to Children* and *Stories to Tell to Children* (Houghton-Mifflin, $1.00 each) are among the best.

In making the foregoing list, the effort has been to suggest a small rather than a full library. Additional suggestions will be found in the March, April and May numbers of WORD AND WORK. Members of the staff of the Department of Religious Education will also be happy to answer inquiries about other books to add to those here mentioned.

**National League of Unitarian Laymen**

The Laymen's League, as it is commonly called, was organized on May 25, 1909. Its general purpose is "to promote the organization of men's clubs in all our churches and to suggest and supervise methods for their activity along the following lines:

"1. To bring the men of the separate churches into closer acquaintance, co-operation, and fellowship with the various forms of social and church work;

"2. To bring about an increasing participation by our laymen, not only in the work of their local churches, but also in the affairs of the denomination at large;

"3. To extend the activities of the churches to the advancement of the social, civic, moral and religious interests of the community."

For some two years or more good progress was made in organizing men's clubs and in interesting them in the work of the National League. Then, for unavoidable reasons this necessary executive work was largely intermitted and the League became little more than a list of officers and an annual meeting.

Last year an attempt was made to revive interest in the organization. As a preliminary to this an inquiry was sent to the more active churches of the denomination, 472 in all, to find out how many men's clubs are now in existence among them. Answers were received from 183. The number of churches reporting clubs is 106, of these 62 are in New England and 44 in other parts of the country. The number of churches which reported that they had no clubs is 78; of these 43 are in New England and 35 elsewhere.

It appeared from a study of the returns that very few clubs are now interested in the National League. It was clear that if they were to be brought together into a national organization in some way the aims and purposes of the League must be brought to their attention. By good fortune it happened that Mr. Samuel B. Nobbs, who has worked successfully with men's organizations, was able last winter to give some time to the Laymen's League. By the courtesy of the American Unitarian Association Mr. Nobbs was enabled to visit 26 churches. In 20 of these clubs were already in existence, and in 6 he was able to assist in their organization.

The annual meeting of the League was held on Monday evening in An-

niversary Week at the Twentieth Century Club. Eighty men, representatives of men's clubs, sat down to dinner at six o'clock. In the course of the evening Mr. John Mason Little, the president, made a short address, the secretary read his annual report, and three very interesting addresses were given on "Opportunities of the League," by Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., who spoke of the splendid opportunity now opening before the churches for denominational extension, by Mr. Alexander Johnson, for many years secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, on "Social Service Opportunities," and by Mr. W. R. Parker, of New York on "Methods of Church Publicity."

At the business meeting it was decided that the national character of the organization could be better indicated by a larger list of vice-presidents drawn from different parts of the country, and that for reasons of convenience it would be wise to choose the members of the Executive Committee from clubs in and around Boston. The Nominating Committee presented a partial list of officers for the ensuing year which was completed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary President, Hon. William H. Taft of New Haven; President, Hon. George Hutchinson of Newton; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Elmer S. Forbes of Boston; Organizing Secretary, Samuel B. Nobbs of Marlborough; Vice-Presidents: Hon. Horace Davis of San Francisco, Cyril H. Burdett of New York, Charles W. Ames of St. Paul, Milton T. Garvin of Lancaster, Pa., Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher of Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Milton F. Hersey of Montreal; Executive Committee: The President, Recording Secretary, Charles E. Ware of Fitchburg, H. H. Filoon of Brockton, Courtenay Guild of Boston, John H. Edwards of Waverley, and Sanford Bates of Dorchester.

**Publication Department**

Another new book, "The Test," by Burt Estes Howard, has been added to our list of publications during the past month and will be found fully described on the back cover of this issue of WORD AND WORK.

## Books of the Month

**The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.**

American Ideals, Character and Life, by Hamilton Wright Mabie; $1.62 by mail.

Charles G. Ames—Spiritual Autobiography; $1.34 by mail.

The Church, the People, and the Age, by Robert Scott and George W. Gilmore; $3.20 by mail.

History of Religions, by George Foot Moore; $2.68 by mail.

Letters to His Holiness, by William L. Sullivan; $1.34 by mail.

The Ministry of Art, by Ralph Adams Cram; $1.64 by mail.

Nonconformist Church Architecture, by Ronald P. Jones; 50 cents by mail.

Nurses for Our Neighbors, by Dr. Alfred Worcester; $1.39 by mail.

The Practice of Christianity, by the author of "Pro Christo et Ecclesia;" $1.35 by mail.

The Priest, by William L. Sullivan; $1.34 by mail.

The Social Emergency, edited by W. T. Foster; $1.49 by mail.

Social Justice Without Socialism, by John Bates Clark; 58 cents by mail.

A Study of Christian Missions, by William Newton Clarke; 58 cents by mail.

A Sunny Life, by Isabel C. Barrows; $1.64 by mail.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson, by Mary Thacher Higginson; $3.18 by mail.

What Men Live By, by Dr. Richard C. Cabot; $1.61 by mail.

Within Prison Walls, by Thomas Mott Osborne; $1.58 by mail.

# The Alliance of
# Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
Hopedale, Mass.

Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.


## Anniversary Meetings

The Alliance share in Anniversary Week was this year larger than usual by one meeting, a Conference for Workers. Each hour filled its appointed place; there was, during our sessions, inspiration, information, free and open discussion, report of good work done, and throughout a sensation of strength renewed.

The attendance at the public meeting of the Alliance on May 25th was such that some people turned back from the church in disappointment, others remained standing through the exercises, and every seat in the vestry of the church was taken when an overflow meeting was announced. Murmurs were heard that only Tremont Temple can accommodate the people who desire to attend our platform meeting of Anniversary Week.

Miss Bancroft presided and led the devotional service especially prepared for large gatherings of Alliance women. The use of this service brought all into sympathy and the singing led by a volunteer choir of Winchester friends was an inspiration.

It was a great disappointment that Dr. Wright was not able to be present, his own regret being exceeded only by that of the audience. Rev. Albert R. Vail of Urbana, Illinois, spoke in Dr. Wright's place.

The three addresses on "The Challenge of the world to the Church" sounded the call for a new presentation of religion that shall satisfy a waiting world. Mrs. Marshall of Dayton, Ohio, presented the need of a new renaissance, to give the great truths of religion in a form open to all. Mr. Sullivan spoke with great confidence in the Unitarian message, that it can answer the call, and give a religion that does not circumscribe the reason or misdirect the heart. France, Italy, other Christian nations, await a religion of the spirit, a gospel of humanity in God, God in and ahead of humanity.

Mr. Vail's word was that the only solution of the social problem is in a revival of religion, not sects, but the realities of a spiritual religion. The world needs not doctrine, not creeds, but a torch to pass from hand to hand, to influence the heart and soul with the love of God, and a belief in the glory of existence.

Mrs. Voigt, Middle States vice-president, presided at the overflow meeting, where Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Sullivan repeated their addresses.

At the annual business meeting on Wednesday, May 27th, 372 accredited delegates and life members were reported as follows: Maine 8, New Hampshire 20, Vermont 1, Massachusetts 240, Rhode Island 9, Connecticut 3, New York 20, New Jersey 6, Pennsylvania 7, District of Columbia, 2, Canada 2, North Carolina 1, Florida 1, Kentucky, 2, Louisiana 1, Michigan 2, Minnesota 1, Utah 1, Oregon 1, California 6, life members 38. In addition there were enough Alliance women present nearly to fill the church.

After the devotional service Rev.

Edward Cummings extended a welcome to the church.

The annual reports followed, those of the executive officers being supplemented by brief reports from the committees. These will be printed in the Manual with the hope that a careful reading may serve to arouse a new interest among branch workers.

Resolutions of appreciation of Mrs. Sarah E. Hooper were adopted by the audience standing.

Greetings were sent to Mrs. Judith W. Andrews, first president of the National Alliance.

Mention was made of the fact that the day was the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe.

A letter of sympathy was voted to Miss Ellen D. Hale, whose mother's death occurred within the week.

A vote of thanks for the continued hospitality of the church was voiced by Mrs. Frothingham.

Greetings were received with great enthusiasm from Miss Low, and from three vice-presidents, Miss Smith from the Pacific coast, Mrs. Churchill, Southern States West, and Mrs. Cassidy, Rocky Mountains.

The Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission workers held their usual conferences on May 28th, and an informal gathering of a general nature, presided over by Miss Bancroft, brought together members from each New England state, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, New Mexico and California, and a welcome visitor in Mrs. Crompton of Adelaide, Australia.

The work of associate branches was briefly stated by representatives, the New York League, New England Associate Alliance, Philadelphia League, Rocky Mountain Associate, Southern Associate, and New Jersey Associate Alliance. In some cases where branches are widely separated, the great thing is the mere getting together of workers from different parts of the district. A practical suggestion was made that New England might contribute to the success of other conferences, south and west, by sending money for traveling expenses and thus enabling branches to be represented by delegates when it would otherwise be impossible because of long distances and heavy costs.

An earnest plea was made that Alliance women make themselves known when they visit different parts of the country.

Greetings were received from California and Australia.

A discussion was introduced as to different ways of holding the interest of young people. The camp-fire group is one possibility, under right leaders and in connection with the Unitarian church. The need of a close connection with The Alliance was urged, one suggestion being that when the girl reaches a certain age, 18 or 21, she be welcomed to the Alliance branch, it being taken for granted that she then ceases to be a camp-fire girl or a Junior and becomes a regular member of the women's organization of the church.

The need of carefully training the younger women to do the work that awaits them was emphasized to help them to do what we might more easily do ourselves. It is worth while.

The members present voted unanimously in favor of such a conference in connection with the Anniversaries.

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### The Executive Board

The May meeting of the Executive Board was deferred till the 22nd in order to secure the attendance of members from a distance who might be coming to Boston for Anniversary Week. Miss Smith, Vice-President

of the Pacific Coast; Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Peterson, Southern Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Cassidy, Vice-President of the Rocky Mountains section, and directors from different parts of the country were present, in addition to the executive officers. Mrs. Catlin, former Treasurer, was a guest, and uttered words of cheer and congratulations.

The Treasurer reported all outstanding appeals completed.

The following new life members were reported: Mrs. C. E. St. John, Mrs. Geo. H. Root, Mrs. Henry D. Forbes, Mrs. B. M. Sparhawk, Miss Mary F. Gill, Mrs. Mary Bancroft Winsor, Mrs. Frank K. Dutcher, Mrs. Emma L. Odiorne.

*In memoriam* have been placed the names of Miss Mary J. Rogers, West Newton; Miss Caroline M. Chenery, Belmont, Mrs. Sarah Theo. Brown, Worcester; Mrs. Eliza B. Sanderson, Toronto; Mrs. Ellen Sever Hale and Miss Sophia Tracy Denny, Boston; Miss Grace M. Sanger, Franklin, N. H.; Mrs. E. A. Torr, Brooklyn; Mrs. Josephine Pope, Mrs. Mary S. Curtis and Mrs. Eliza Mudge, Brookline, Mrs. Sarah E. Hooper, whose name is added by the branch at Portland, Me., and friends elsewhere; Mrs. Annie Evans White, Winchendon; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nourse and Mrs. Harriet A. Litchfield, Winthrop.

An appeal for $500 for furnishings for the new chapel in Wheeling, West Virginia, is recommended to the branches.

Mrs. Peterson supplemented her interesting report of the good work our ministers are doing in the Southern missionary field with an exhibit of the handiwork of the North Carolina children.

The Junior Fellowship Committee presented a model constitution and by-laws to serve as a guide for any Junior Alliance branch that may wish to adopt it. This will be printed for free distribution.

The Library Committee reported the books in place on the new shelves in Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, some 2,000 volumes ready to be *used*. The catalogue will soon be ready.

Mrs. L. S. Thorne of Dallas has been elected Director for Texas.

Mrs. Coffin of Massachusetts and Mrs. Risteen of Connecticut have felt obliged to resign their positions. Mrs. Ernest C. Smith of Illinois resigns as Director to become Vice-President in place of Mrs. Delano.

Mrs. W. V. T. Hinckley of Somerville has been elected a member of the Committee on Credentials, to succeed Miss Hersey, resigned.

Mrs. Lola M. Henry of Winchendon is nominated Director to succeed Mrs. White.

A new branch is reported at Milford, New Hampshire and two branches in Worcester, Second Parish and South Memorial Unitarian. The Worcester League celebrated its 25th anniversary, after a career of marked distinction and wide usefulness, by disbanding to become the Worcester County League. Membership will be open to all branches in the county, and the change is one of great promise in line with present advance. It will be noted that the League was formed before the National Alliance, when there were no separate branches in the several churches.

New Associate branches are reported in Oregon and Washington, in addition to the one already reported in northern California.

Mrs. J. H. Crooker will represent the Alliance at the London meetings.

A committee to arrange for an informal conference of Alliance workers at the Isles of Shoals consists of Miss Bellows of New Hampshire and Mrs. Fiske of New York.

A paper entitled "Some Alliance Opportunities," by Mrs. Wm. L. Walsh of Brookfield, Mass., read at a recent meeting of the New England Associate Alliance, has been printed for free distribution.

Mrs. Churchill, who represented the Executive Board at the sessions of the Western Conference, reported those meetings.

Certain changes have been adopted in the naming and grouping of the committees that carry on the work of the Alliance.

Four general divisions have been made: I, Department of Administration—1, Headquarters Committee; 2, Finance; 3, Conference; 4, Library; 5, Editorial; 6, Printing. II, Department of Missions and Church Extension—1, Post Office Mission; 2, Southern Missionary; 3, Appeals; 4, International III, Department of Fellowship and Service—1, Cheerful Letter Exchange; 2, Junior Fellowship; 3, College Centers; 4, Social Service. IV, Department of Education—1, Study Classes; 2, Sunday School.

Conferences of chairmen may be arranged at the will of any chairman. The President will call conferences of all chairmen at least twice a year for the discussion of plans of work. This is intended to prevent overlapping of effort and to secure more effective co-operation.

The Junior Fellowship Committee, formerly Junior Alliance, will consider all lines of activity suited to the younger people of our churches and will confer with branches concerning such work. It will take over some of the duties of the College Girls' Committee, which now becomes the Committee on College Centers.

The International Committee in addition to its former duties of co-operating with liberal Christian women of other countries shall consider plans for foreign missionary work.

A new committee has been added, Social Service, whose duties shall be to keep itself informed of the work being done by the branches under the name or in the nature of social service, and to suggest plans for such work which may be undertaken by branches in accordance with the purpose and aims of the Alliance.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON.
*Recording Secretary.*

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## Appeals

It is pleasant to note the completion of all the Appeals of the past year. The grateful appreciation of the Branches, whose churches have been helped by these Appeals, is shown by letters sent to the Treasurer on the completion of each Appeal.

The President of the Edmonton, Alberta, Branch writes that she has checked in the Manual each Branch which has contributed to the Appeal, with the amount, and has requested the Church Board to place this Manual with the list of their women, who contribute to the remainder of the furnishing fund, in the corner stone of the new church.

At the May meeting of the Executive Board a new Appeal was reported as having been approved by the Committee on Appeals.

This was from Wheeling, West Virginia, for help in furnishing their new chapel, now being built. The Board voted to place an Appeal for $500 before the Branches.

The Wheeling Church, the only one in West Virginia, is six years old, and after worshipping in four different halls, it became evident that if it was to live it must have a house of its own. The American Unitarian Asso-

ciation bought a lot, and a little chapel, to cost about $9,000, is being built, the thirty-one members giving generously.

It is hoped that with the help of the Appeal the entire amount needed to complete the church free of debt will be secured. Rev. Henry W. Foote, who visited Wheeling this spring, heartily recommends the church there to us, as does also Rev. Leon A. Harvey, Secretary of the Middle States Conference.

Here is an opportunity for our Branches which hold meetings during the summer to put in practice our by-law relating to fellowship and co-operation, and to set an example for the other Branches to follow when they take up the work again in the autumn.

ALICE REYNOLDS KEYES,
*Chairman of Committee on Appeals.*

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*From the monthly letter of the British League of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian women:*

"We have had the pleasure of dispatching to the care of Mrs. George Boros, of Koloszvar, the sum of £13 towards the erection of the Francis David Memorial Church. Upwards of fifty branches contributed, and a number of individual members. As our Societies do not give money away without knowing *why,* it is evident that information as to the Hungarian Unitarians and their great leader is now much wider spread among the women of our church than before. It is interesting to record that two Australian branches, Adelaide and Melbourne, contributed; and one International Society, Geneva.

"At the Council Meeting on March 10 the chief attraction was the address delivered by Miss Mitchell, the Fellowship Secretary, on her experiences in New Zealand and Australia. She dwelt on the great responsibility which our home churches ought to feel towards our co-religionists over there. She told of the 150 emigrants *from our churches alone* who passed through Sydney in one year; of the numberless other scattered Unitarian settlers, nearly all of whom are lost to us simply for lack of careful, systematized effort. She told of the almost pathetic desire shown everywhere to hear about the League and our churches of the old country. Miss Mitchell has come back convinced that more organized and better *informed* action should be taken in regard to the spread of our Liberal Religious literature in Australasia. She called upon the women to seize the opportunity and lend a hand. Her story and her practical suggestions as to the ways in which the League may help must surely have sent every woman home determined to make the Fellowship work better known in her branch, and to do her utmost to help in the realization of its ideals."

The foregoing account of conditions in Australia strikes a sympathetic chord in all Alliance women who met Mrs. Crompton of Adelaide during the recent Anniversaries. Her joy and enthusiasm withal her Unitarian courage and belief in our message in that tremendous country were spurs to renewed effort.

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"Our Unitarianism," a pamphlet of 44 pages by Charles A. Allen and others, which is recommended for Study Classes and Post Office Mission use, will be sent by mail prepaid at 15 cents for a single copy and 12 cents in quantities of ten or more by applying to Miss Florence Everett, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

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The New England Vice-President reports that the Social Union of the Unitarian Church at Hubbardston,

Mass., voted to join the Alliance on June 4. This branch will hold a Fair early in July and would greatly appreciate articles sent to the secretary, Mrs. Horace R. Hubbard.

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The New Jersey Associate Alliance is becoming alive to the great need of missionary work in New Jersey, and especially to the great need of extension work. During the year the Post Office Mission Committee has done some remarkable work in getting Unitarian leaflets into the Library of Princeton University and Lawrenceville preparatory school.

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The Winnipeg branch hopes to publish in the fall some attractive booklets with kodak photographs of the wonderful Canadian Rockies.

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The Alliance branch of Grace Chapel, Green Harbor, Mass., holds its annual fair August 5 and 6. All contributions will be received and acknowledged by Mrs. Lizzie M. Peterson, secretary, Green Harbor.

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The Bolton, Mass., Branch Alliance solicit orders for home-grown fruit and vegetables, canned and sold by them at the usual price for such goods, during the season of 1914. The proceeds will be used in renovating the Unitarian church of Bolton.

Early orders will be appreciated.

Mrs. J. L. Marsh, Chairman; Mrs. Chas. Ripley, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Edes, Treasurer.

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If any member of the Alliance branches has in her storeroom a sewing machine which is no longer in use, it might be of helpful service to the Unity Circle Branch of the Revere Unitarian Church in their sewing room at the vestry.

Please inform or send to Mrs. William Janvrin, 3 Janvrin Place, Revere, Mass.

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In a former issue of WORD AND WORK the name of Miss Harriet E. Wood, Providence, R. I., was reported *In Memoriam*. The name should have been that of Miss Wood's sister, Mrs. Frances E. Boyd.

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A beautiful May Day took a large number of the New York League to Orange, N. J., where the closing meeting of the year was held in the attractive little home church of Mrs. W. B. Donnell, who has held so acceptably the office of President for the past two years. After the business meeting the address of the day was given by Rev. Elvin J. Prescott, on "The Ideal City."

The League has been reorganized under a new constitution and the following officers are by virtue of office:

First Vice-President — Headquarters Representative.

Second Vice-President — Chairman Program Committee.

Third Vice-President—Chairman Religious News Committee.

Fourth Vice-President — Chairman Philanthropic Committee.

Fifth Vice-President — Chairman Membership Committee.

Sixth Vice-President—Chairman Extension and Fellowship Committee.

# Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*


## Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The tenth and last regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1913-1914 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 1914, at 2 o'clock.

President Bates being absent at the appointed hour, Vice-President Hooper presided, and there were present: Mr. Eliot, Mr. McMurdie Miss Richards, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting, which were approved as read.

The treasurer read his report.

VOTED: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

The bills being presented, it was

VOTED: That the bills be paid.

The secretary read her report for the month of April, 1914, which report was accepted.

Mr. Hooper, for the Extension Committee, reported that he had placed all letters on file for the benefit of next year's committee.

The Finance Committee reported the books closed for the year.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-Large, reported 79 copies of the April Word and Work sent out with an Easter tract.

The Publication Committee reported that its publications were about ready for delivery, the delay being due to the printer.

Interesting letters from the five college town ministers, to whom the balance of the student assistant appropriation was sent, were read by the secretary.

Mr. Hooper being obliged to leave at this juncture, Mr. McMurdie took the Chair until the arrival of President Bates.

The secretary was requested to reread the letter from Miss Ross, presented at the last Board meeting and referred to this meeting; considerable discussion ensued, the main question at issue being as to whether an appeal for an endowment fund or for direct contributions to our cause would be better.

It was finally

VOTED: To adjourn until Tuesday afternoon, May 19, 1914, at 2 o'clock.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

## Eighteenth Annual Meeting

The eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Young People's Religious Union was held in the South Congregational Church, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, May 28.

President Bates presided at the business session, when interesting reports were presented along all lines of work, that of the Policy Committee calling forth the most discussion, as is usual. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the sum of $400 be raised for the support of the Student Assistant work in College Town churches.

2. That $200 be appropriated for the missionary work in foreign lands, and that the unions be encouraged and advised to devote a meeting to the consideration of this wider effort which is possible; and that items of

interest bearing upon this enterprise be sent out from time to time from the central office, and that a committee be appointed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting to consider the suggestions of Dr. Sunderland.

3. That the publication work of the Young People's Religious Union be enlarged as rapidly as the Board of Directors deems it feasible.

The matter of most vital moment at this time was the raising of an Endowment Fund; much discussion relative to this ensued and it was finally

VOTED: That the Young People's Religious Union undertake the raising of an Endowment Fund of $30,000, by means of pledge cards, the income from such endowment to be used in the employment of a permanent Field Secretary or Agent, or in the general furtherance of the work of the Young People's Religious Union. The amount to be pledged on or before the Annual Meeting of 1915, and such pledges to be payable at once or in instalments on or before May 1, 1916.

Enthusiasm over this endowment plan was spontaneous, about $750 being pledged for this purpose; cards were distributed and an energetic campaign inaugurated.

The Credentials Committee reported ninety-seven delegates present, as follows: five from Maine, seventy-eight from Massachusetts; five from New Hampshire; one from Pennsylvania; five from Rhode Island; one from North Carolina, and two from Vermont.

The Resolutions Committee presented the resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, one by one. (These appear in another column.)

The Balloting Committee reported as elected the officers and directors whose names appeared on the ticket as presented by the Nominating Committee. (See also another column.)

Following the business of the afternoon, Rev. J. T. Sunderland, D. D., recently returned from a visit to the far East and having agreed to speak on "What the Y. P. R. U. Can Do to Give Our Unitarian Faith to the Orient," confined his remarks to India, owing to the shortness of the time at his disposal. Dr. Sunderland was listened to with deep appreciation as he suggested some practical ways in which the young people of our denomination can help these far-away people and at the same time enlarge their own scope and vision. This whole matter of foreign missionary work had been touched upon in the report of the Policy Committee and was accordingly referred later to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Adjournment at five o'clock was followed by a reception and collation in the church parlors, admirably arranged by the Boston Federation.

President Bates presided at the public evening meeting at half past seven o'clock, music being furnished by a chorus from the Boston Federation. Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., of Portland, Oregon, conducted a brief devotional service, after which the general subject, "The Opportunity for Social Service of Unitarian Young People," was discussed from three view-points: that of the physician, by Dr. Richard C. Cabot; that of the politician, by Hon. Grafton D. Cushing; and finally that of the minister, by Rev. John Haynes Holmes. Dr. Cabot in reality preached a sermon, advising young people to adopt two aims—first, to raise the standards of their own profession; and secondly, to link two professions together for the sake of co-operative work. Only by so doing can we attain a state of affairs approaching the Kingdom of Heaven. Speaker Cushing of the Massachusetts House of Representa-

tives, followed, pointing out several specific facts accomplished by the Massachusetts Legislature along social service lines.

The climax of the evening was attained when the last speaker, Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York, painted in vivid terms the industrial revolt that will tend to overthrow capitalism and establish an industrial democracy, for we are dealing in these days with a people awakened to keen realization of affairs. With power and purpose and idealism our young men and young women can do the work they wish. They must work not *for* the people, but *with* them. This high call to our Unitarian young men and women requires the martyr spirit in more ways than one.

Rev. George F. Pratt of Dorchester pronounced the benediction, and fittingly closed a meeting which was accorded one of the best and most successful ever held.

## Resolutions Passed at the Annual Meeting, May 28, 1914

RESOLVED, That the delegates and members of the Young People's Religious Union, remembering the hospitality which the South Congregational Church has so generously offered in the past, and which it is their privilege to enjoy again this year, hereby express their deep appreciation to the South Congregational Church and to its minister, Rev. Edward Cummings, for the courtesy and kindly welcome extended to the Union at this, its annual meeting for the year 1914.

RESOLVED, That the delegates and members of the Young People's Religious Union hereby extend to the Boston Federation their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the cordial hospitality with which the Federation has welcomed the delegates of the Union, a hospitality which every year becomes more efficient, but which can never become more generous or more deeply appreciated by the Union.

RESOLVED, That the Young People's Religious Union, desiring to recognize the efficient and successful work of Miss Emily J. Cline as Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Eighth Biennial Bazaar, hereby extends to her a hearty vote of thanks for her devotion to the difficult task of carrying the Bazaar to success.

RESOLVED, That the Young People's Religious Union extends to the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church a most cordial greeting, recognizing that both associations are engaged in the common task of inspiring among the younger members of our free churches that loyalty and enthusiasm which alone can give them permanent worth.

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### Annual Meeting of the Boston Federation

The Annual Meeting of the Boston Federation was held in the First Church, Roxbury, Mass., on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 26, 1914, two hundred and forty-five delegates being present, the largest ever recorded.

The afternoon session was one of business, presided over by the president, Mr. J. Harry Hooper, when reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, the Friendly Service, Hospitality, Membership, Music, Nominating, Social, and Ways and Means Committees were received. The evening session was opened by a devotional service, conducted by Rev. James De Normandie, D. D., a large audience gathering to hear Dr. Charles W. Eliot speak on "Universal Religion." Dr. Eliot considered religion as an historic development and as an effective force toward human welfare. To federation members he said impressively: "Your very membership in this organization proves that Christ's teaching has inspired you with a love for your neighbor. In Massachusetts we have a citizenship composed of many races. No better work lies ahead of you than such service as Jesus described in the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

"Modern social service is still a movement with shortcomings, but you must help to work out the problem and learn the art of doing good without doing harm. I welcome you to a work in which there is so much interest and happiness."

The size and enthusiasm of both the afternoon and evening meetings testified to the large vision and the untiring devotion of the past officers and directors. The following comprise the list for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Frederick G. May, Jr., of Dorchester; Vice-President, Mr. William E. Weston of Quincy; Secretary, Miss F. Antoinette Pratt of Dorchester; and Treasurer, Mr. Chester R. Allen of Dorchester.

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### South Worcester Federation

The Spring Meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held in Westboro on Sunday, April 26, 1914; but, owing to the hot weather was not largely attended, only about twenty-five being present. However, enthusiasm was not lacking, and all felt more than repaid for making the effort to attend.

The meeting opened at half past four, Mr. Charles T. Aldrich presiding in the absence of the president, Mr. Elbert Marso.

Rev. Herman F. Lion of Berlin was the speaker of the afternoon, his subject being "Ideals."

At the evening session Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs of Marlboro gave an inspiring and enthusiastic address on "The Work of the Young People's Religious Union."

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 o'clock.

MAY A. LELAND, *Secretary.*

# Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Edgar Swan Wiers, *President*, Montclair, N. J.
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## Resolutions Offered at the Annual Meeting of the Society

The following resolutions, offered by Dr. Charles F. Dole, and unanimously endorsed at the meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society, indicate one of many ways in which this organization endeavors to take its stand against one of the forces which is recognized with constantly increasing alarm as the fearful foe of efficiency and human happiness.

This Society is anxious to be a leader "in guiding opinion upon this great matter, showing to the world that here, as elsewhere, Unitarians take their stand for righteous and human welfare." In order to do this with any large measure of effectiveness, we ask, Kind Reader, that you send us a word of encouragement or perchance a dollar for membership.

*Resolution*: "In view of the fact that everyone who thinks about the tremendous extent of the business in the alcoholic drinks must recognize its wasteful, pernicious and demoralizing excess, this Society calls attention to the immense mischief subversive of every public interest that is being done by the vast and needless advertising of this business.

"We call upon our Friends and upon other Temperance Societies generally, through the direction of public opinion, and by all possible means to discourage and curtail all kinds of liquor advertisements. We raise the question whether the time is not ripe to obtain legislation forbidding such advertisements, as it is evidently fair and right to do, in the case of dangerous drugs. We ask specially that effective representation be everywhere made for the exclusion of liquor advertising for obvious and incontrovertible reasons from the cars and stations of the public service railway companies.

We urge also, for similar considerations, wherever liquor licenses are granted by popular vote, that saloons ought not to be permitted upon public squares, or on the great thoroughfares, or in the immediate vicinity of railroad stations wherever considerable numbers of women and children are obliged to pass their doors.

We note the distinct violation of the spirit of the laws, when saloons are permitted to display themselves upon the border of No-license territory.

We deplore the custom, which we understand has grown up outside of law, and contrary to the intent of the laws, by which licensing authorities have recognized a property value in the location and so-called "good will" of the business of their licensees, thus making it difficult for themselves to withdraw their licenses or to alter their location, even when the public good may require it.

We ask that our members and friends take pains to request such licensing authorities to give fair warning that they have no right or further intention to recognize any intangible property in their licensees' business.

We recommend to our "Board of Directors" to take appropriate means to give publicity to these resolutions, to bring them to the attention of other organizations similar to ours, and to acquaint our own members with them and seek their co-operation."

Chester Arthur Drummond,
*Secretary*.

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